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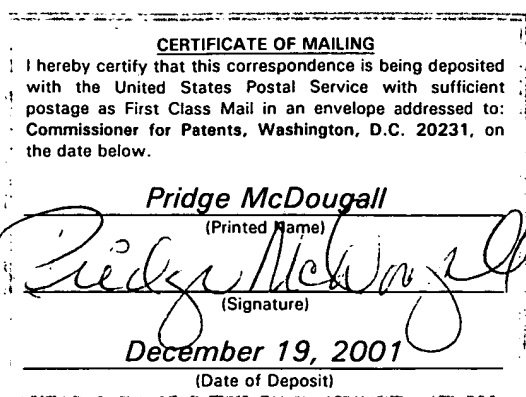
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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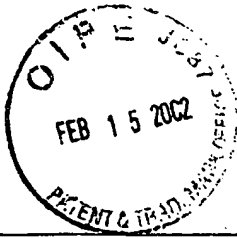
Sir:

Please amend the application as follows. For the Examiner's convenience, a marked-up version is also attached herein.

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, between the title and the heading "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" please insert the following header and paragraph:



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RELATED APPLICATION INFORMATION

AI
This Application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of U.S. provisional application serial no. 60/249,762, entitled "PREPARATION OF HUMAN KUPFFER CELLS OBTAINED FROM HCV INFECTED PATIENTS BY FINE NEEDLE BIOPSY TECHNIQUE", filed on November 17, 2000, which is incorporated by reference herein including any figures and drawings.

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No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

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